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SUBJ: UNTSO OBSERVERS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 14547

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ASYG URQUHART JAN 23
AMB SCHAUFELER CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
REFTEL. URQUHART SAID THAT UNTSO ACTING CHIEF OF
STAFF COL BUNWORTH HAD EARLIER TALKED TO SOMEONE IN
LEBANON WHO HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PRESENCE
OF US OBSERVERS WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS EXCUSE TO
REQUEST ASSIGNMENT SOVIET OBSERVERS IN LEBANON.
HOWEVER, IF LEBANON ON REFLECTION HAD CHANGED ITS MIND
HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUING PRESENCE OF
US OBSERVERS.

2. IN ADDITION TO POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL SCHAUFELER
OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS CANNOT CLAIM THAT US OBSERVERS
WERE PLACED IN LEBANON FOLLOWING THE RECENT ADDITION OF 36
SOVIET AND 28 US OBSERVERS TO UNTSO. UN WOULD
SIMPLY BE MAINTAINING STATUS QUO ANTE. HE SUGGESTED
IF UN HAS ANY FURTHER DOUBTS ABOUT THIS THAT IT
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COULD MAKE ANOTHER SOUNDING IN BEIRUT.

3. WE BELIEVE THIS QUESTION BACK ON THE TRACK.
HOWEVER IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR EMBASSY BEIRUT MAKE

NECESSARY EFFORTS TO SSURE THAT GOL GIVES THE RIGHT
ANSWER TO BUNWORTH OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IF NECESSARY.
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